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SUBJECT: REPORTED SHULTZ STATEMENT ON COSTA RICAN AND
HONDURAN ROLE IN SUPPLYING NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE

1. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS IN COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS ARE
ATTRIBUTING TO SECRETARY SHULTZ THE STATEMENT THAT
PROBLEMS IN CONVEYING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE ARMED
ANTI-SANDINISTAS THROUGH COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS HAVE
BEEN RESOLVED.

2. FOLLOWING IS UNEDITED TEXT OF THE QUESTION THE
SECRETARY WAS ASKED BY SENATOR DODD BEFORE THE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 27 AND THE REPLY
HE MADE.

--SENATOR DODD: I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, WHY
IT IS THAT THAT AID THAT WE DID SEND DOWN HAS NOT GOTTEN
THERE. ISN'T IT, IN FACT, THAT THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT
DOES NOT WANT TO PROVIDE IT, DOES NOT WANT TO PROVIDE THE
AVENUES OF ACCESS? ISN'T THAT TRUE?

--SECRETARY SHULTZ: THAT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR US.

--SENATOR DODD: WHY IS THAT A PROBLEM? WE ARE PROVIDING
HONDURAS WITH DOLLARS 250 MILLION IN AID.

--SECRETARY SHULTZ: THE REASON WHY COUNTRIES HESITATE
(AND THIS IS A GENERAL LESSON FOR US) IS THAT THEY ARE
SITTING THERE, NEXT DOOR, AND THERE IS A VERY LARGE
AMOUNT OF MILITARY POWER ARRAYED AGAINST THEM, AND SO IT
IS A PROBLEM FOR THEM ON THEIR OWN BORDERS. WE HAVE
GOTTEN OUR SUPPLY PROBLEM STRAIGHTENED OUT. IT WAS MIXED
UP IN SOME OTHER WAYS AS WELL, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW.

3. FOR SAN JOSE: USING ABOVE, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS
AMBASSADOR TO CORRECT THE RECORD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
GUTIERREZ (SAN JOSE 02174).   WHITEHEAD
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